

Patient Lifts (for Indiana Only)

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Related Policies
None

Application

This Coverage Determination Guideline only applies to the state of Indiana.

Coverage Rationale

Indications for Coverage

Patient Lifts are proven and medically necessary in certain circumstances. For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® 2021, Apr. 2021 Release, Medicare: Durable Medical Equipment Patient Lifts.

Click [here](#) to view the InterQual® criteria.

Coverage Limitations and Exclusions

The following services are excluded from coverage:

- Personal care, comfort, or convenience items.
- Home modifications such as elevators, handrails and ramps.
- Chairs, bath chairs, feeding chairs, toddler chairs, chair lifts and recliners.
- Stair lifts and stair glides.

Definitions

Check the definitions within the member benefit plan document that supersede the definitions below.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME): Medical Equipment that is all of the following:

- Ordered or provided by a Physician for outpatient use primarily in a home setting
- Used for medical purposes
- Not consumable or disposable except as needed for the effective use of covered DME
- Not of use to a person in the absence of a disease or disability
- Serves a medical purpose for the treatment of a Sickness or injury
- Primarily used within the home

Medically Necessary: Health Care Services that are all of the following as determined by us or our designee.

- In accordance with Generally Accepted Standards of Medical Practice
- Clinically appropriate, in terms of type, frequency, extent, service site and duration, and considered effective for your Sickness, Injury, Mental Illness, substance-related and addictive disorders, disease or its symptoms
- Not mainly for your convenience or that of your doctor or other health care provider
- Not more costly than an alternative drug, service(s), service site or supply that is at least as likely to produce equivalent therapeutic or diagnostic results as to the diagnosis or treatment of your Sickness, Injury, disease or symptoms

Reasonable Useful Lifetime: RUL is the expected minimum lifespan for the item. It starts on the initial date of service and runs for the defined length of time. The default RUL for durable medical equipment is set at 5 years. RUL is also applied to other non-DME items such as orthoses and prostheses. RUL is not applied to supply items.

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

UnitedHealthcare has adopted the requirements and intent of the National Correct Coding Initiative. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has contracted with Palmetto to manage Pricing, Data and Coding (PDAC) for Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS). This notice is to confirm UnitedHealthcare has established the PDAC as a source for correct coding and coding clarification.

Coding Clarifications:

- Heavy duty and bariatric lifts are included in the codes for patient lifts, E0630, E0635, E0636, E0639, E0640.
- A patient lift for a toilet/tub, any type (E0625) describes a device with which the member can be transferred from the toilet/tub to another seat (e.g., wheelchair). It is used for a member who is unable to ambulate. Devices included in this code may be attached to the toilet, ceiling, floor, or wall of the bathroom or may be freestanding. Some items may be placed in a tub for lifting the member in and out of the tub but may not necessarily be attached to the toilet, ceiling, floor, or wall of the bathroom.
- A multi-positional patient support system, with integrated lift, patient accessible controls (E0636) describes a device that can be used to transfer the bed-bound member in either a sitting or supine position. It has electric controls of the lift function.
- Code E0639 describes a device in which the lift mechanism is part of a floor-to-ceiling pole system that is not permanently attached to the floor and ceiling and which is used in a room other than the bathroom. The lift/transport mechanisms may be mechanical or electric. No separate payment is made for installation. All costs associated with installation are included in the payment for the device. When a device is only used in a bathroom, it is coded E0625.
- Code E0640 describes a device in which the lift mechanism is attached to permanent ceiling tracks or a wall mounting system and which is used in a room other than the bathroom. The lift/transport mechanisms may be mechanical or electric. No separate payment is made for installation. All costs associated with installation are included in the payment for the device. When a device is only used in a bathroom, it is coded E0625.
- A multi-positional patient transfer system, with integrated seat, operated by caregiver (E1035, E1036) describes a device that can be positioned and adjusted such that the bed-bound member can be transferred onto the device in the supine position. Once positioned on the device, it can then be adjusted to a chair-like position with multiple degrees of recline and leg elevation. It has small, castor wheels that are not accessible by the member for mobility. It has no electric controls.

The only products that may be billed with codes E0636, E0639, E0640, E1035, or E1036 are those which have received a written Coding Verification Review from the Pricing, Data Analysis, and Coding (PDAC) contractor and that are listed in the Product Classification List on the PDAC web site.

HCPCS Code	Description
E0621	Sling or seat, patient lift, canvas or nylon

HCPCS Code	Description
E0625	Patient lift, bathroom or toilet, not otherwise classified
E0630	Patient lift, hydraulic or mechanical, includes any seat, sling, strap(s), or pad(s)
E0635	Patient lift, electric, with seat or sling
E0636	Multipositional patient support system, with integrated lift, patient accessible control to policy
E0639	Patient lift, moveable from room to room with disassembly and reassembly, includes all components/accessories
E0640	Patient lift, fixed system, includes all components/accessories
E1035	Multi-positional patient transfer system, with integrated seat, operated by care giver, patient weight capacity up to and including 300 lbs
E1036	Multi-positional patient transfer system, extra-wide, with integrated seat, operated by caregiver, patient weight capacity greater than 300 lbs

References

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Medicare National Coverage Determinations Manual (Pub. 100-3), Chapter 1, Part 4 (Sections 200 – 310.1), § 280.

National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Durable Medical Equipment. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/details/ncd-details.aspx?&NCDId=190&ncdver=1&NCDsect=280.1&bc=BEAAAAAAAAQAAAA==&>

Noridian Healthcare Solutions:

- <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jddme/article-detail/-/view/2230703/reasonable-useful-lifetime-and-duplicate-items-billing-reminder>.
- <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/documents/2230703/7218263/Patient+Lifts+LCD+and+PA/a6ab3b12-6726-470c-9a11-cf1477850ccc>. L33799 and Article A52516.

Guideline History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
07/01/2021	<p>Coverage Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced reference to “InterQual® 2020” with “InterQual® 2021” <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archived previous policy version CS326IN.02

Instructions for Use

This Coverage Determination Guideline provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this guideline, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Coverage Determination Guideline is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual® criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. The UnitedHealthcare Coverage Determination Guidelines are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.